

The Shadows
(Reuben Roberts House)
(George R. Hill House)
617 South Washington Street
Alexandria
Virginia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE VIRGINIA	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY ALEXANDRIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) THE SHADOWS		HABS NO. VA-906
SECONOARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Reuben Roberts House; George R. Hill House		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 617 South Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1854		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Shadows was built in 1854 for Reuben Roberts. Captain Robert Barcroft Hussey bought the house in 1856. George R. Hill and his heirs owned the house from 1912-1963.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival details		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick bearing walls with wood joists and rafters.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular (5 bay front x 1 bay deep) with rear wing; 3 stories with basement.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Greek Revival entrance; cornice with paired brackets; low slope hip roof with platform at apex that may have supported a cupola (missing at time of demolition although structural system in attic remained); two chimneys in each side wall.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONOITION ANO USE Demolished circa 1974.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Photos of demolition filed as Field Records.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Penys Peter Myers, HABS Architectural Historian.		
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